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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
Joanne Louise Whitaker et al.
International Application No: PCT/US00/01389
Filed in the RO/GB on January 23, 1999
Entitled: DETERGENT TABLETS

FOR "FO" 2296850

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 2-15, and add new claims 16-32 as follows:

1. (Amended) A detergent tablet for use in a washing machine, the tablet having one or more phases at least one of which is in the form of a compressed particulate solid comprising:
- a) a polymeric disintegrant having a particle size distribution such that at least 90 % by weight thereof has a particle size below about 0.3mm and at least 30 % by weight thereof has a particle size below about 0.2mm;

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